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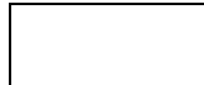
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- About 450 officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia marched from the barracks toward the Russian cemetery about 11 a.m. on 23 February 1950, the Birthday of the Red Army. A column of 530 officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia marched toward the cemetery about 1 p.m.
- Two armored reconnaissance cars, [redacted] left the barracks daily between 20 and 23 February 1950. Twelve sidecar motorcycles, each occupied by three soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, entered the barracks area on 22 February 1950.
- Night exercises, starting between 10 and 11 p.m. and ending between 1 and 2 a.m., were conducted in the woods near the barracks from 13 to 23 February 1950.
- Two T34 tanks [redacted] left the barracks on 27 February 1950. Four to six soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia squatted on each tank. [redacted] the tanks were used for drivers' training as they were driven very slowly and awkwardly.
- Three trucks occupied by 38 soldiers armed with carbines and submachine guns and carrying full equipment left a cooperative store on 1 March 1950. A Soviet major standing at the storepoint toward the convoy and said: "The Germans will always freeze but the Soviet soldiers go to the toughening camp where there is snow and ice and will live in tents for four weeks." The trucks allegedly moved to Templin (N 54/U 81).
- Eight trucks left the barracks going towards Falkenberg (N 52/E 74) on 3 March 1950. They departed at 3 to 6-minute intervals and were occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Four trucks towed an AT gun of

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25X1 about 75 mm caliber. Trucks [redacted] were identified.

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8. An armored cross-country motor vehicle left the barracks going towards Falkenberg on 8 March 1950. The middle section of the vehicle was covered with a tarpaulin setting off the contours of a twin-barreled machine gun. The vehicle was occupied by two officers and nine EM with firing equipment. It returned to the barracks about 5:15 p.m.

9. Three T34 tanks were seen entering the barracks area on 9 March 1950.

10. Major Lubanov was identified as the S-3 of the Bad Freienwalde AT artillery battalion. [redacted]

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11. Three T34 tanks, followed by a truck occupied by 14 soldiers, entered the barracks area on 13 March 1950.

12. One armored reconnaissance car and two armored personnel carriers, each mounting two heavy machine guns or 20-mm guns pointing forward and occupied by six to eight soldiers, left the barracks about 2 p.m. on 14 March 1950.

One armored personnel carrier, two armored reconnaissance cars and an open track-laying ammunition carrier moved into the barracks area about 2 p.m. Three T34 tanks, with three to five men standing on each tank, entered the barracks about 4 p.m.

13. Two 75-mm AT guns were towed into the barracks area by 12 soldiers each, who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, on 15 March 1950. A cantonment building with barred windows, surrounded by a 2-meter-high wire fence, was recently constructed in front of the EM kitchen of the barracks. Fire equipment was seen at the cantonment building which was permanently guarded by a sentry although it is close to guardhouse No 2.

14. Two 120-mm mortars were towed to Platzfelde by troops on 16 March 1950. Twelve-man crews were seen practicing with two 75-mm AT guns near the Berliner Chaussee. They aimed at all passing motor vehicles. The gun crews seemed to consist of experienced soldiers as they could adjust their guns quickly.

15. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified:

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28 February

25X1 [redacted] leaving the barracks, occupied by six soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

25X1 [redacted] truck, leaving the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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tank truck, enroute from the railroad station to the fuel dump.

passenger car, moving toward the officers' billets.

trucks, leaving the barracks, each driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

truck, loaded with coal, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

1 March 1950

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tank truck, enroute from the railroad station to the fuel dump, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

truck, loaded with loaves of bread, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

tank trucks, moving toward the fuel dump, driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

truck, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

tank truck, enroute from the barracks to the fuel dump, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

truck, coming from the direction of the barracks.

truck, loaded with furniture, moving toward the barracks.

radio truck, former German Ford, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

truck, moving to the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

jeep, coming from the direction of the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

2 March 1950

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truck, loaded with food containers and milk cans, coming from the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

truck, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

trucks, coming from the barracks, driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

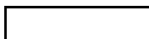
radio truck, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

truck, moving toward the barracks.

ambulance, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

3 March 1950

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truck, loaded with ration supplies, occupied by **five soldiers** wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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[redacted] truck, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

[redacted] trucks, each towing a gun and occupied by nine soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, trucks bore the crossed-gun-barrel insignia painted on the rear flaps. They moved from the barracks toward Falkenberg. The last truck [redacted] towed a mortar. 25X1

[redacted] passenger car, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

[redacted] passenger car, moving toward the komendatura, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

[redacted] passenger car, German driver, employed with the komendatura since 1945.

4 March 1950

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[redacted] trucks, moving toward the barracks, drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

[redacted] radio truck, coming from the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

[redacted] truck, loaded with boxes, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

[redacted] truck, coming from the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

[redacted] trucks, moving toward the barracks.

[redacted] truck, loaded with coal, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing a padded jacket.

[redacted] truck, occupied by 2 officers and 10 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, coming from the barracks.

5 March 1950

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[redacted] truck, towing an AT gun, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

6 March 1950

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[redacted] truck, coming from the barracks, driver wearing padded jacket.

[redacted] truck parked in front of the barracks.

[redacted] passenger car, coming from the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

[redacted] truck, coming from the barracks, driver wearing a padded jacket.

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[redacted] ambulance, coming from the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

8 March 1950

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[redacted] truck, occupied by 10 soldiers, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
trucks, moving toward the barracks, drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
tank truck, coming from the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
truck, loaded with laundry, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
truck, moving toward the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

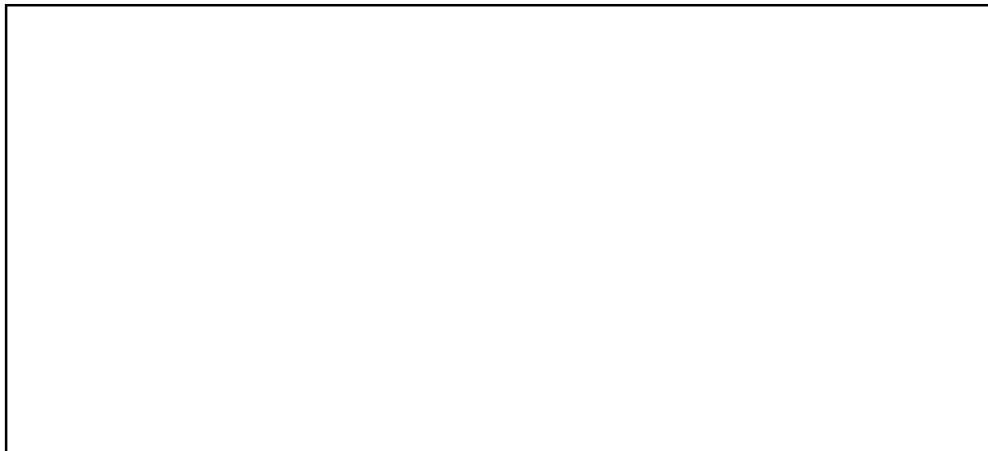
9 March 1950

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[redacted] passenger car, coming from the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
jeep, coming from the barracks, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
truck, tarpaulin-covered.

16. The komendatura personnel numbering 12 officers and 30 EM in late January 1950, were allegedly reduced to 4 officers and 6 EM in early February 1950.

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[redacted] Comment:

a. The evaluation of the motor vehicle [redacted] 28 February and 9 March 1950 confirms the Bad Freienwalde barracks to be occupied by component units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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As the reported motor vehicle [redacted] [redacted] assigned to headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army,

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it seems questionable whether the 93rd Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt/Fourth Gds Mezz Army, which was confirmed in Bad Freienwalde up to April 1949, should still be stationed there.

b. The Bad Freienwalde units conducted training at unit level and driving practice in the town environs between 20 February and 16 March 1950. The 38 soldiers leaving the post on trucks on 1 March 1950 may have belonged to an advance detail and moved to Templin where the 6th Gds Mezz Div had also conducted its 1949 field exercises.



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